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The above-identified patent application was filed over 14 months ago and to date, the application has not been examined. Please advise when we may expect examination of the above-identified patent application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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